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Inquest into transit police shooting begins

FATALITY

British Columbia man repeatedly stabbed himself, witnesses say

Employees at a grocery store in Surrey, B.C., told a coroner's inquest Monday that they watched a man repeatedly stab himself with stolen paring knives minutes before he was shot by transit police.

Naverone Woods, 23, was shot inside the Safeway by officers on the morning of Dec. 28, 2014, and died after he was taken to hospital.

Glen Gorgas, the manager of the meat department, said he watched helplessly as the shirtless young man stabbed himself.

"It was almost like he was in a catatonic state, like he was a zombie," he told the inquest.

"You could tell he was really hurt. I wanted to go right up to him and help, but he had two

knives in his hand."

Transit police told the man several times to drop the knives before he was shot, Gorgas said.

The Independent Investigations Office, which investigates serious cases involving police, cleared officers of any wrongdoing in May 2016. The coroner's service holds an inquest into every police-involved death in an effort to make recommendations aimed at preventing similar fatalities.

Michael Patron, the store's loss-prevention officer, told the coroner's jury on the first day of testimony that he began following Woods because he seemed "out of sorts."

Woods went directly to the back of the store, he said, and ripped open a package of knives. Woods held a knife in each hand and wandered the aisles, stabbing himself in the abdomen between 12 and 20 times before police arrived, Patron said.

"He never said anything," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Filmmaker challenges documentary injunction

COURT

Charbonneau was ordered to remove footage of aquarium



Wanyee Li
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A civil liberties association says a B.C. court injunction preventing a filmmaker from showing his critical documentary on the Vancouver Aquarium's whale captivity program could endanger democratic values.

The B.C. Supreme Court ordered filmmaker Gary Charbonneau to remove about five minutes of footage from his hour-long documentary in March 2016 after the aquarium claimed he broke copyright laws. That civil suit has yet to be heard in court.

Charbonneau asked a B.C. Court of Appeal judge to reconsider the injunction Monday.

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association was there to present its arguments as well.

"We are really concerned about the expression-of-freeedom interest for the public at large that are implicated by those injunctive orders," said Jay Aubrey, a lawyer with BC-



Qila is one of the beluga whales who died at the Vancouver Aquarium in November 2016.

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CLA. She spoke with Metro in a phone interview after the morning session.

"We didn't see that covered here which is why we intervened to draw the court's attention to the value of rigorous public debate."

Aubrey says it is important to keep in mind the copyright allegations have not been tested

in court — the injunction was a pre-trial order.

"There's just an allegation that there has been copyright infringement," she said. "Is an allegation enough to overcome the freedom of expression served by that documentary?"

The hearing comes 11 days after the Vancouver Park Board voted to ban the practice of

keeping cetaceans in captivity at the aquarium.

The BCCLA is not taking a position on the controversy around cetacean captivity, but Aubrey says the recent park board decision highlights public interest in the matter.

The Vancouver Aquarium says it will not comment on the court case at this time.

The legal battle started in February 2016 when the Vancouver Aquarium filed a civil lawsuit against Charbonneau, alleging copyright infringement in his documentary called Vancouver Aquarium Uncovered.

The documentary included footage recorded by Charbonneau and other visitors to the aquarium.

The documentary alleges that belugas kept in captivity have a much higher infant death rate than those in the wild and that the aquarium is buying dolphins from Japan under the pretence of a rescue and rehabilitation program.

None of the allegations have been tested in court.

The aquarium has published a lengthy blog post disputing many of the film's allegations and accusing Charbonneau of deliberately creating an inaccurate and misleading movie.

The January 2016 post said that over a 39-year period, four beluga calves have died at the aquarium due to unrelated and unpreventable causes.

The two dolphins that arrived at the facility in 2005 from Japan were rescued as badly injured animals caught in fixed fishing nets, it added.

The Vancouver Aquarium's two remaining onsite belugas, Aurora and Qila, died within two weeks of each other in November 2016.

WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP

\$500K promised to fight gang violence

B.C.'s Opposition leader says an NDP government, if elected, would provide badly needed funding for anti-gang efforts in Surrey.

BC NDP Leader John Horgan committed to giving \$500,000 per year to Surrey's Wraparound program — a program that helps youth leave gang life for good.

He accused the current government of not addressing the suburb's recent increase in gang violence.

"Surrey has been neglected by Christy Clark — and as a result one person, on average, every week is getting shot in B.C.'s fastest growing city," he said.

"People deserve to feel safe in their homes and on the streets of their community. That's why I will immediately act to keep kids out of gangs by increasing funding for Surrey's Wraparound program."

The B.C. government announced \$23 million of funding over four years for anti-gang programs throughout the province in April 2016.

But there are still about 30 at-risk children on the waiting list for the Wraparound program, according to a BC NDP release.

"People want gang violence to stop and they are frustrated that the BC Liberals have failed to take this issue seriously for years," said Garry Begg, BC NDP candidate for Surrey-Guilford. Begg is also a former RCMP officer.

There were a total of 58 shootings in Surrey in 2016.

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Liberals facing legal action over ad blitz before election

COURT

Lawyers say party may have misused taxes to self promote

Two Vancouver lawyers have filed a proposed class-action lawsuit against the British Columbia government and the governing Liberal party alleging misuse of taxpayer dollars for partisan advertising.

David Fai and Paul Doroshenko filed a notice of claim in B.C. Supreme Court alleging the provincial government spent taxpayer dollars on advertising last year that enhanced the B.C. Liberal Party's image while promoting the province.

They assert that the government spent as much as \$15 million on ads enhancing the Liberal party and they want it to reimburse the province for those commercials if the court finds they are partisan.

"We're saying that's a misappropriation of public funds and a breach of the public trust and it needs to end," Fai said at a news conference outside the courthouse Monday.

Advanced Education Minister Andrew Wilkinson responded on behalf of the government, saying in a statement that it uses the



Premier Christy Clark at a press conference at a construction site along Johnston Street in Victoria on March 1. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CHAD HIPOLITO

ads to inform the public about important services and programs including the opioid overdose crisis that killed more than 900 people

last year.

The government has seen an increase in the public participation in programs when they are advertised, he said,

adding that "these campaigns clearly work."

He said the government has worked with the auditor general to ensure information



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Lawyer David Fai

campaigns are fact-based, inform the public and adhere to policies that state no public funds should be used for political advertising.

The Liberal party was not immediately available to respond to the claims made in the court documents.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Doroshenko said they want the court to determine whether ads in the lead-up to the May 9 provincial election are non-partisan.

David Trapp, a White Rock resident who is the representative plaintiff, told reporters that he watched government ads while undergoing cancer treatment last year and he says he believes that money could have been better spent on the health care system.

The lawyers say the case could take months or years to make it through the courts, but they intend to file an injunction ahead of the election in an effort to stop the ads.

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HOUSING

Economy fuelling real estate price spike

A shortage of land and a growing economy fuelled a 47 per cent surge in the value of commercial real estate sales across British Columbia's Lower Mainland in 2016, says the head of the region's real estate board.

Figures released Monday by the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver show sales involving commercial real estate reached nearly \$13 billion last year compared with \$8.8 billion in 2015.

The report also measured a 21 per cent spike in the number of sales involving commercial real estate over the same one-year period.

"It's really the confidence in the B.C. and Vancouver economy," board president Dan Morrison said. "It's no surprise that we see the same thing happen with commercial properties as has been happening for residential properties."

Residential real estate prices have skyrocketed across the Vancouver area in recent years, prompting the B.C. government to introduce a 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers last summer on homes purchased by anyone who isn't a citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.

Last week, the government announced it was tweaking the law retroactively so that foreigners who come to B.C. through the provincial nominee program won't have to pay the tax, which also doesn't apply to commercial property.

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Businesses fear 'gutted' area

RAILTOWN

Proposed rezoning an attempt to protect land

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Property owners in Vancouver's Railtown neighbourhood fear a proposed zoning change meant to protect industrial land will instead put the brakes on a thriving design and technology hub.

"Our own building, we're in jeopardy," said Steven Fast, the owner of a building at 329 Railway St. "This fantastic, small, functional community is, we think, going to get gutted by

this zoning."

Railtown, located between the port and Alexander Street, is a mix of heritage and newer warehouse buildings. The area is zoned for heavy industrial use, but many of the buildings are no longer used for a strictly industrial purpose.

Vancouver tech darling Hootsuite got its start in Railtown, before moving to Mount Pleasant. The city rezoned Mount Pleasant this fall to attract more tech companies.

Fast's building houses a design firm, an animation company, video and film production and 14 artist live/work spaces. When Fast first bought the building in 1997 and redeveloped it from a fish storage facility to a tech workspace, he did so under a software manufacturing licence. His building will be grandfathered in under the new rules.



Steven Fast, a property owner in Vancouver's industrial Railtown area, fears a proposed zoning change will push tech and artist live/work spaces out of the area. JEN ST. DENIS/METRO

But city hall recently removed software manufacturing as outmoded, and rolled software production into "visual entertainment and information communication technology," which will now be allowed in areas zoned for office use.

If the office use will be restricted in the Strathcona Business Improvement Area, which includes Railtown: 32 per cent of the space in buildings built before 1951 will be allowed for office use, while 25 per cent of the space in buildings built after 1951 will be permitted for office use.

The city has also created a new category for the area, designed to encourage the kinds of design-and-prototype businesses that are now common in the historic waterfront neighbourhood.

The creation of the category, creative manufacturing, is a

good step, said Joji Kumagai, executive director of the Strathcona BIA.

But creative manufacturing is a "conditional" use, Kumagai said, meaning that businesses who get the designation but then want to expand their operations may need to get additional permits or be forced to do expensive building upgrades.

Kumagai agreed with Fast that the current proposal needs work.

But overall, the zoning change is meant to protect industrial land and prevent the huge property price increases that hit Railtown recently, where this year values went up as much as 200 per cent. When too much industrial space is turned into office space, that can squeeze lease rates higher than what industrial users can pay, Kumagai said.



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NATURE RESERVE

Escape rooms come to Burns Bog

The Burns Bog Conservation Society is designing escape room-style games in the Burns Bog Delta Nature Reserve to educate the public about the reserve's unique ecosystem.

The B.C.'s Job Creation Partnership provided \$103,270 to employ four people to build and design the escape room-like challenges.

"There will be a distance of walking between each station, so they'll actually have the opportunity to go through and actually see the diversity through the various trails," said project

manager, Kirsty Peterson.

Escape rooms are a physical adventure game where players are locked in a setting and have to solve a series of puzzles, within a time limit, in order to escape.

Named Burns Bog Escape: Wild Adventure Series, each scenario is expected to take up to two hours and guests will solve a series of challenges along the way.

The new employees will lead two teams in creating the games from the ground up. They will gain 48 weeks worth of experience learning how to program

plan, manage, and event coordinate.

This isn't the first time escape rooms have come to Burns Bog. Last Halloween, Peterson organized two trial escape rooms.

"This project is a really great way to get people excited about engaging with our natural environment," said Peterson.

In May there will be three different escape rooms for high school field trips followed by four other games open to the public every weekend in July and August.

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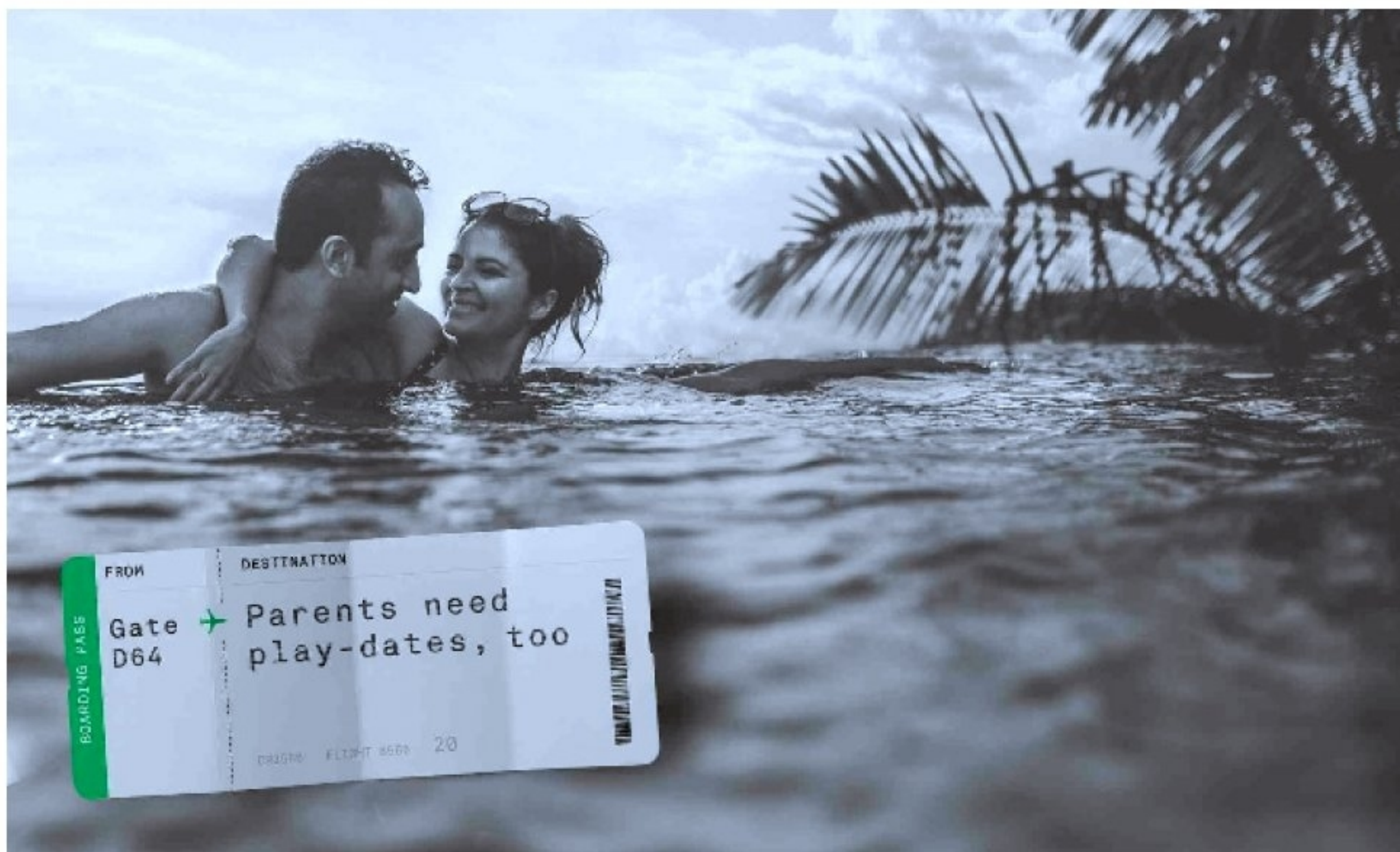
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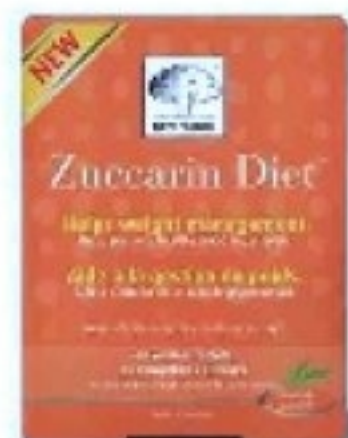
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Jose Figueroa stands outside the Walnut Grove Lutheran Church with his family, left to right, Esmeralda, Ruby, Jose and Ivania in Langley in 2015. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Ex-refugee ready to clear his name

IMMIGRATION

Man who found sanctuary in a church for years headed to court



Matt Kielytyka
Metro | Edmonton

Former asylum seeker Jose Figueroa is ready to go back to court for another legal battle with the Canadian government.

This time, he wants to clear his name once and for all.

The British Columbia resident was granted exemption on compassionate grounds to stay with his family in Canada in December 2015 after taking up sanctuary in a Langley church for two years to avoid deportation.

Although he had been living in Canada since 1997, the Immigration and Refugee Board deemed him inadmissible in 2010 because he be-

longed to a student group with ties to the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, which now rules El Salvador.

Although he's now a free man and studying law at the University of Victoria, the allegation of terrorist links still hangs over Figueroa's head.

He hopes that can change Thursday, when his long-running case to have the government issue a certificate stating he is not a terrorist is heard at the Federal Court of Appeal in Vancouver.

hold that opinion, it might be ground for denying citizenship. That's something we want to avoid. Plus, I need to clear my name."

Figueroa first applied for the certificate in 2014, making him the first person in Canada to ever do so.

Since then, he says, government has stalled and federal judges have denied his applications for judicial reviews.

"I am not on any (terrorist) list and have never been on any list. That's part of the issue that we have," said

"I am not on any terrorist list and have never been on any list."
Jose Figueroa

"I was alleged to be a member of a terrorist organization and, since that, the Canadian officials who made that decision still want to hold that opinion," Figueroa told Metro on Monday. "This will represent for me a problem when I apply for my citizenship here because if they still

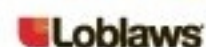
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"It would take anybody less than three minutes to compare my name with those on the list and establish that I am not on it. The law is very clear: a person claiming not to be a listed person may make this application."

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Much of the political intrigue ahead of Finance Minister Bill Morneau's second federal budget Wednesday has been removed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New social program details to be released

BUDGET

Infrastructure bank could bring in billions of dollars in funds

A new infrastructure bank could free up billions in new money for social services Canadians regularly use, internal government documents say — provided the experimental new institution meets its lofty financing goals.

The presentation, prepared for the economic growth council that's advising Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet, shows transit and water projects going through the

bank could mean more federal dollars for social infrastructure like child care, recreational facilities and seniors' centres.

Funding for social infrastructure projects, which tend to be less attractive to private investors, could increase by one-third if the bank meets its target of leveraging \$4 in private investment for every \$1 from the federal government, the documents indicate.

Those documents, obtained under the Access to Information Act, demonstrate the Liberal government's thinking on how money from its long-term infrastructure program could help them meet their economic and political goals.

The program's three streams

— social, transit and so-called "green" infrastructure — are worth almost \$69.1 billion in new funding over the next 10 years.

Wednesday's budget will unveil more details of how the money will flow and where the funding for the bank will come from, say sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Concerns have persisted that the funding would be diverted away from money earmarked to cities and provinces.

The government has argued the promised infrastructure money remains available even if it is delivered through the bank, which cities and provinces will have the option of using. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOURNALISM

Metro gets NNA nod

Metro Calgary and Metro Edmonton have been named finalists in the National Newspaper Awards for coverage of the Fort McMurray wildfires.

The papers are nominated in the breaking news category for stories detailing the first 36 hours of evacuation efforts.

The coverage chronicled first-person accounts of some of the more than 88,000 fleeing the city, provided timely information to Albertans as the wildfires grew and delivered stories of courage and giving.

"The devastating effect of the Fort McMurray wildfires will not be forgotten by Alberta, or Canada," said Cathrin Bradbury, Vice-President and Editor-in-Chief of Metro English Canada. METRO

DIPLOMACY

Cut it out: Cardboard Trudeaus get banned

Justin Trudeau may still be a big draw on the international circuit, but his cardboard stand-ins have fallen flat.

Global Affairs has instructed diplomatic missions in the U.S. to stop using life-size cardboard cut-outs of the prime minister to promote Canada. The order follows the revelation last week that prime ministerial replicas turned up at an event last June organized by the Canadian consulate in Atlanta and earlier this month at a Canadian music festival in Austin, Tex.

The Canadian embassy in Washington also rush-ordered a cut-out of its own for use at Canada Day celebrations last year, at a cost of \$147.79, including \$72.80 for next-day delivery. The embassy has not ex-



Trudeau replicas turned up at events in Atlanta and Austin. TWITTER.COM

plained whether the cardboard Trudeau was ever actually used. Regardless, it will now have to go into storage. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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INVESTIGATION

White House moves to cut links to past associates

It's now been revealed that the FBI had two political bombshells ready to drop during the last U.S. election. One, it unloaded on Democrats two weeks before election day. The other it held onto — until two months into Donald Trump's presidency.

It dropped Monday. In an announcement that could forever affect history's account of the 2016 election, the FBI announced that it has been investigating possible criminal collusion between the Russian government and associates of the Trump campaign since July.

FBI director James Comey revealed it while testifying to Congress. He's the same FBI director who during the campaign commented publicly about an investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails. The news came in a five-hour hearing that concluded with the Republican committee chair stating the politically obvious: this shadow will linger for a while, creeping over the Trump White House.

"There's a big, grey cloud that you have now put over people who have very important work to do to lead this country."

Comey replied: "I understand."

His revelation fanned a low-level fire crackling for months in the U.S. capital over why the Putin government intervened in the U.S. election; what its



FBI Director James Comey testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Monday before the House Intelligence Committee hearing on allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

motives might have been; and whether the Trump team knew about it.

Late last July, Comey said, the agency began investigating contacts between Trump associates and the Russian government — which is believed to have stolen emails from the Democratic party and leaked them through intermediaries Wikileaks and Guccifer.

The investigation will include whether crimes were committed. It's unclear how long the probe will take. And law-enforcement

officials wouldn't say a word about which Trump associates were targeted. Comey declined to say whether his agency had questioned Michael Flynn, Trump's just-fired national-security adviser; Paul Manafort, his fired campaign manager; or Roger Stone.

The White House moved to cut ties to all of them.

Trump spokesman Sean Spicer played down the importance of Flynn, calling him "a volunteer of the campaign."

The so-called volunteer was

Trump's No. 1 foreign-policy and national-security adviser. The man with the supposedly limited role? His campaign manager, who oversaw the party's national convention.

Another thing the men shared in common, beyond their senior roles: Flynn and Manafort both drew business revenues from entities close to the Putin government, and both were forced to quit over news stories about contact with Russians.

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ADVOCACY

Human rights group to address Trump

A pan-American commission will hold an emergency hearing in Washington to investigate the impact of U.S. President Donald Trump's executive orders on human rights in the country.

Tuesday's hearing by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights was prompted by the requests from advocates in Canada and the U.S. to review what they called "deteriorating" conditions faced by asylum seekers and other migrants under the Trump administration.

These groups have asked the commission to make findings that Trump's travel ban against six Muslim-majority countries, which has been temporarily blocked by judges, and his expansion of detention and deportation against migrants violate U.S. human

rights obligations. Some of the groups hope the human rights body will rule the U.S. is not safe for refugees and recommend the suspension of the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement.

"The expedited removals and expansion of detention under the orders are going to have profound implications on the U.S. asylum system," said Efrat Arbel, a University of British Columbia law professor who co-authored, with the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, a recent review of Trump's executive orders. The commission is part of the Organization of American States, made up of 35 countries, with a mission to promote and protect human rights in the American hemisphere.

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EUROPEAN UNION

Countdown to Brexit begins

Britain will begin divorce proceedings from the European Union on March 29, starting the clock on two years of intense political and economic negotiations that will fundamentally change both the nation and its European neighbours.

Britain's ambassador to the EU, Tim Barrow, informed European Council President Donald Tusk of the exact start date on Monday morning.

"We are on the threshold of the most important negotiation for this country for a generation," Brexit Secretary David Davis said. "The government is clear in its aims: a deal that works for every nation and region of the U.K. and indeed for all of Europe - a new, positive

partnership between the U.K. and our friends and allies in the European Union."

The trigger for all this tumult is the innocuous-sounding Article 50 of the EU's

Lisbon Treaty, a never-before-used mechanism for withdrawing from the bloc. British Prime Minister Theresa May, under the Article, will notify Tusk of her nation's intentions to leave the 28-nation bloc.

The article stipulates that the two sides will have until March 2019 to agree on a divorce settlement and - if possible - establish a new relationship between Britain, the world's No. 5 economy, and the EU, a vast single market containing 500 million people.

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Kid builds Lego for rent startup

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Fans can pick from six sets of building blocks

Sarah Hoyles
For Metro | Edmonton

A 10-year-old from Edmonton is building a business out of Lego.

Gavin Gariepy is renting out his collection of the toy building blocks as part of a new venture called Rent a Brick.

"Big Lego sets can be very expensive," said Gariepy. "Not everyone can afford the biggest sets, so I thought people should get to try the amazing ones like these."

Currently, Lego enthusiasts can pick from six available sets, including the 2,144-piece Star Wars-themed Assault on Hoth Set which includes the



Gavin Gariepy, 10, has started a business where he rents out expensive lego sets to fellow Lego fans. SARAH HOYLES/FOR METRO

wampa that captures Luke Skywalker, according to the Rent a Brick website.

Gariepy takes rental bookings via text or through his website. Rentals start at \$15 and last for seven days, which

Gariepy figures provides "more than enough time to build and play with it. Then give it back."

He first got the idea of a Lego rental company last year, but needed capital. So he applied for a \$500 grant from a local bank.

Russ Morrow, CEO of River City Credit Union, said his financial institution gives 10 grants to youth aged 8-13 every year as part of a program for young entrepreneurs.

"It helps kids have an entrepreneurial experience," he said.

Gariepy got his startup cash in June 2016, and spent it on building and maintaining a website at rentabrick.ca, as well as printing up business cards. He officially launched his company in January.

Since then, Gariepy has had a handful of renters, mostly kids, but some adults, he said.

Gariepy is planning to reinvest his profits to purchase more Lego sets and expand his inventory.



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KEEPING TRANSIT ON TRACK

Transit ridership declined across North America in 2016, causing a revenue shortage in dozens of cities. It's tempting for some agencies to consider cutting service or increasing fares to make up the difference. But those moves can cause further declines in ridership, creating a vicious cycle.

Instead, Metro looks at how cities can get on a more virtuous cycle.

Primary Concerns

With 600 routes, bus riders in Seoul, South Korea, were often confused. Buses didn't run on time. And by 2004, 60 per cent of riders were complaining. The agency **colour-coded its buses** so riders could identify where they were headed, and routes were simplified. **Outcome:** Complaints went down to 15 per cent and ridership increased by 30 to 40 per cent.

Focus

Houston **cut back service on low-frequency bus routes** in favour of ensuring regular runs on the most well-used routes. That way, people can turn up to the bus stop without worrying about the schedule. **Outcome:** Bus ridership increased by 4 per cent without budget increases. It was one of two cities to see an increase of more than 1 per cent in 2016.

Fare Price

Facing high fares, L.A. **dedicated a half-cent sales tax** in 1980 to transit. Some money went to improving service, while another chunk went to lowering fares. **Outcome:** In 1985, L.A. had its best year for transit ridership. Fares skyrocketed afterwards, and L.A. never again reached the same ridership levels.

Wider Web

One way to make transit more attractive is to focus on the customer experience. That can mean **better bus shelters, clean stations**, or something as simple as **free Wi-Fi**. **Outcome:** In California, Amtrak achieved a 2.7 per cent increase in ridership after it introduced free Wi-Fi.

Culture Shock

To cut down on people driving to work alone in mostly empty cars, Seattle introduced a **law** more than 20 years ago **forcing big companies to encourage alternatives** like transit or carpooling. Companies offered transit passes or cash incentives to quit driving. **Outcome:** Solo drivers declined by 4.6 per cent.

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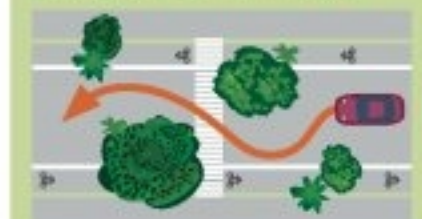
The week in urbanism



Sweden gets all the cool things

A Stockholm architecture firm has proposed a giant, glass egg-shaped indoor park. The idea is to give Stockholmers a green refuge during the long, cold winter months.

URBAN DICTIONARY



Woonerf is a Dutch word for streets that give equal priority to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians by placing them all on the same level and reducing driving speeds to walking pace.

"Emma felt safe walking down the neighbourhood **woonerf**, which put her at eye level with motorists."

CITY CHAMP

Hazel Borys is the managing director of PlaceMakers, a planning and consultation firm. Based in Winnipeg, Borys used to love sprawl, but now tweets about zoning, pedestrian issues, and art. **@hborys**



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All of this centres on Eurocentric beauty standards, which privilege those who are white or are white adjacent in appearance

Shantel Buggs, PhD candidate in sociology at University of Texas



The structural emasculation of Asian men in all forms of media became a self-fulfilling prophecy that produced an actual abhorrence to Asian men in the real world

TV host Eddie Huang



It's easy to keep yourself in the dark about racism and bias when you are part of the majority, and I seem to have shone a bit of light about this in those spaces

Hadiya Roderique, lawyer



Racism in the dating game

CULTURE

Black women and Asian men the victims of cultural biases

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"I'm open to dating women of all backgrounds," he tells me. "Except for black women."

"I've just never been attracted to Asian men," she says.

Uncomfortable yet? Unfortunately, the vast majority of singles I've worked with have clear racial preferences and biases when it comes to dating. Now that I'm four years into professional matchmaking, I've seen clear patterns emerge when it comes to race and attraction.

White men: congratulations! Women of every racial background seem to strongly prefer dating you. Asian and Latin women are most popular with the gents. Black women and Asian men are the two groups most notably at a dating disadvantage. They are the hardest singles for me to match, because they tend to be excluded from the match searches of the majority of clients.

The online dating world is also stacked against them. According to Christian Rudder's OKCupid

blog, stats from 2014 show that 82 per cent of non-black men on OKCupid show some bias against black women. Asian men's profiles are consistently rated the lowest by single women using online dating sites. But why?

"Attractiveness is a very haphazard dish that can't be boiled down to height or skin colour, but Asian men are told that regardless of what the idyllic mirepoix is or isn't, we just don't have the ingredients," television host Eddie Huang recently wrote in the New York Times.

Pop culture is a window into desire. Consider the male Asian characters in movies you've seen in the last several years. When was the last time you saw a North American film where a desirable Asian man played the lead and didn't know martial arts?

A similar story presents itself when we deconstruct black women in popular culture. In film and television, black women are often portrayed as two-dimensional "strong and sassy" stereotypes. When cast as a romantic interest, they're usually played by biracial or multiracial women with lighter skin tones.

"Society tells us that black women are hypersexual but also more masculine than other women, while it suggests that Asian men are less masculine — to the point of being effeminate — and that they are physically less attractive," says Shantel

Buggs, a PhD Candidate in Sociology at the University of Texas.

The exclusion of Asian men is a particularly visible problem in the gay community. "No rice, no spice" is the social networking apps Scruff and Grindr parlance for "no East Asian men, no South Asian men." Straight people aren't as upfront about their prejudices, but having spoken to several women of colour about their time online, they seem to get fewer matches than other women and are frequently fetishized when they do connect.

In a recent feature article in the Walrus, lawyer Hadiya Roderique detailed her challenges dating as a woman of colour. When Hadiya photoshopped her dating profile photos so that she appeared to be a white woman, her profile's popularity skyrocketed.

"When you combine demographics, the fact that users disproportionately message others of the same race, fetishism, sexualization of blackness, racism and anti-blackness, it adds up to — to put it mildly — a 'harder time' in those spaces," she said.

So are you racist if you aren't open to dating everyone? I don't know. Are you the product of a racist society? Undoubtedly, yes. We all are. And we're going to have to work hard at being inclusive and open-minded in dating and in every other aspect of life if we're set on making any progress at all. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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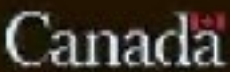

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Underfed and vulnerable but Anne's resolve is unwavering

THE SHOW: *Anne*, Season 1, Episodes 1 & 2 (CBC)

THE MOMENT: The stump

Siblings Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert (R.H. Thomson and Geraldine James, both perfect) wanted to adopt a boy to help work their Prince Edward Island farm. Instead they got Anne (Amybeth McNulty, also perfect) an exuberant, redheaded orphan tween whose imagination outweighs her underfed frame. Matthew fell for her, but Marilla, more practical, thinks Anne should return to the orphanage.

"Couldn't I do the farm chores even though I'm a girl?" Anne asks.

"That's not the way of things and you know it," Marilla replies.

"But couldn't I?" Anne persists. "I'm as strong as a boy, and I prefer to be outdoors."

Marilla's resolve wavers. "Do you consider yourself to be delicate and incapable?" Anne asks. "Because I don't."

That's the text of this Anne



Amybeth McNulty is perfect as exuberant Anne. CONTRIBUTED

reboot, from creator Moira Walley-Beckett, who went from writing *Breaking Bad* to creating the backstage-at-the-ballet drama *Flesh and Bone* to *Green Gables*.

But Walley-Beckett also gives us subtext. Reading between the novel's lines and adding verisimilitude, she gives us quick but potent glimpses of the miseries many orphans faced in 1890s Imperialist culture.

As Anne makes her case to Marilla, we recall two flashes we've just seen: Anne, alone in a room in an orphan asylum,

with two men moving in on her as the door swings shut. And Anne, in indentured servitude to a family with too many children, bent over a stump, skirts lifted, being beaten by a drunk man.

She doesn't tell Marilla why she so desperately needs to stay. But Walley-Beckett makes sure we see it.

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YOGA

Try a Twisted Stitcher to get warmed up

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This week's offering is one of the exercises my granny would do, much to my chagrin, while watching me at the playground. I use it today as a pre-yoga warm-up to mobilize the spine, relax the shoulders and improve circulation in the hands.

Take note knitters, crocheters and other textile artists: this one is tailor-made for you.

1. Situate yourself in a wide-open space with your feet set shoulder-distance apart and arms hanging slackly by your sides.

2. Rotate your spine to the right as you gaze over the right shoulder and pivot onto

your left toes to protect your knees. Then, do the same on the second side.

3. Turn from side-to-side, gaining speed as you go.

4. Curl your hands into loose fists and, moving only with momentum, percussively massage your lower back.

5. Then, bring the hands up to thump the fronts of your shoulders.

6. Finally, gain enough momentum to throw the arms over your shoulders and tenderize your upper back and the corners of your neck for five or more breaths.

7. Decelerate until the body comes to stillness and your arms hang heavy by your sides.

8. Notice the warmth in your hands and the feeling of well-being. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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YuMee demonstrates a Twisted Stitcher. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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RANKING

It takes more than money to be happy: Study

We're happy...just a little less happy than usual.

That's the main Canadian takeaway from the World Happiness Report where the country dropped to its lowest-ever ranking, coming in at seventh place, having usually occupied fifth or sixth on the list.

Norway is now the happiest country on Earth. Americans are getting sadder, and it takes more than just money to be happy were the other primary findings.

Norway vaulted to the top slot despite the plummeting price of oil, a key part of its economy. Income in the U.S. has gone up over the past decade, but happiness is declining. The U.S. was 14th, down from No. 13 last year.

"It's the human things that matter. If the riches make it harder to have frequent and trustworthy relationship between people, is it worth it?" asked John Helliwell, the lead author of the report and an economist

at the University of British Columbia. "The material can stand in the way of the human."

Norway moved from No. 4 to the top spot in the report's rankings, which combine economic, health and polling data compiled by economists that are averaged over three years from 2014 to

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Canada dropped from sixth place to seventh in the new World Happiness Index.

2016. Norway edged past previous champ Denmark, which fell to second. Iceland, Switzerland and Finland round out the top 5.

Central African Republic fell to last on the happiness list, and is joined at the bottom by Burundi, Tanzania, Syria and Rwanda. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Not just for gamers: Time has come for VR in the ER

TECHNOLOGY

Doctors adopt virtual reality to put patients' minds at ease

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When 9-year-old Tess Baird landed at Sick Kids for surgery on a badly broken finger she was terrified.

"The big lights, all the big machines. I was really scared," she said.

To put her mind at ease, hospital staff gave her a virtual reality headset — futuristic-looking goggles with a 360-degree video screen — that detailed the impending procedure from a patient's perspective.

The frightened Brampton girl experienced a blow by blow of what to expect from the moment she'd be greeted by nursing staff, to being wheeled through the halls on a gurney, receiving anesthetic and falling into a fog, to finally waking up when it was over.

When she underwent the surgery 30 minutes later, she was no longer scared.

"Let's say I had 10 nerves. Nine of them were gone," said Tess, who broke her finger while roughhousing with her brother.

Virtual reality isn't just for gamers anymore. Toronto anesthesiologists Fahad Alam and Clyde Matava are using immer-



Patient Tess Baird uses a VR headset while Dr. Ben O'Sullivan looks on as part of a project to ease pre-surgery anxiety. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

sive reality in health care in the only such lab in Canada called the Collaborative Human Immersive and Interactive Lab (CHISIL).

They have tested the technology on more than 200 patients including Tess at The Hospital for Sick Children and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. "We're taking (VR) out of the gaming realm, and actually using it to help patients and changing care,"



Let's say I had 10 nerves. Nine of them were gone.

Tess Baird, patient

said Alam. With the immersive experience, "the fear of unknown is kind of eliminated."

Doctors are now analyzing the data and the results have been encouraging. There have been no episodes of "VR sickness" (headaches and nausea similar to motion sickness) and any fear prior to surgery has decreased. They found that nearly all the children at Sick Kids preferred the VR over traditional PowerPoint slides to explain the surgery process. One hundred parents of patients, including Tess's mom Kristen Wall, also tried the technology.

"There's nothing more frightening as a parent than having one of your children sick or broken," said Wall, who found

it eased her nerves as well.

"I watched (Tess) go from nervous and frightened to more armed with information."

Preoperative anxiety doesn't just affect children. It is a significant problem across all ages.

"Up to 80 per cent of patients coming for any type of surgery can be suffering from some form of preoperation anxiety," said Alam. That anxiety can result in pain and increased anesthetic requirements. The unease doesn't just dissipate after surgery, it can delay recovery.

The VR could replace current less effective methods of stress relief including cartoon drawings, photographs and standard 2D video by allowing patients to "pre-experience the environment" in a gamelike way.

For Laura Victoria-Perez, 41, who suffers from social anxiety, the pre-surgery VR experience was ideal. "It feels like you're inside a video game," said Victoria-Perez, who had surgery in November. "If at my age I was afraid, I can only imagine how it scares some kids before a surgery."

Virtual reality is most often associated with pricey brands like Oculus Rift and PlayStation VR, which cost upwards of \$500. At Toronto's CHISIL lab, Matava and Alam have kept their costs in check using Google Cardboard, which is mounted to a smartphone rather than using its own screen. At \$5-\$15 per headset it is among the most inexpensive of VR options. The Sick Kids and Sunnybrook doctors hope that the technology will also be helpful for training health workers.

For Tess, the virtual reality prelude was a success.

"Don't worry," is her post-op advice. "It's not going to be as scary as you think."

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YouTubers hit out at 'restricted' filter

SOCIAL MEDIA

Tegan and Sara lead calls to lift block on gay, trans content

A chorus of Canadian LGBTQ YouTubers, including pop duo Tegan and Sara, is calling for the video service to stop filtering out gay and trans-themed videos for some users.

The Calgary-raised sisters took to social media to question why YouTube's "restricted" setting blocks a wide variety of LGBTQ-friendly content for no clear reason.

"If you put YouTube on restricted mode a bunch of our music videos disappear. I checked myself. LGBTQ people shouldn't be restricted. SAD!" Tegan and Sara (below) tweeted. Among the missing clips were videos from their latest album, including for "That Girl" and "U-turn."

They were joined by Halifax singer Ria Mae, who said her video for Gold, which features the singer in a lesbian relationship, was also being filtered out.



Calgary sisters Tegan and Sara joined the backlash against YouTube's filter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Young gay kids need to see themselves represented and they need to know it's normal, it's OK and it's not X-rated," Mae said in a video on her Instagram account.

"It sends a bad message to

young gay kids and young trans kids that their lives are not normal or acceptable."

At issue is YouTube's "restricted" designation, which lets parents, schools and libraries filter content that may be

considered inappropriate for users under 18. YouTube calls it "an optional feature used by a very small subset of users."

What's unclear is whether the types of videos in question are being labelled as "re-

stricted" for the first time, or if this has been an ongoing practice that's only recently gained attention.

Video producer Michael Rizzi, who's based in Toronto, says he's concerned with the message it sends to loyal YouTube users. He's seen 176 of his 236 videos disappear in "restricted" mode, representing 75 per cent of the clips he's uploaded over the past five years.

"It's more a feeling of being pushed to the side," Rizzi says. "It's a pretty big screw-up on their end."

In an emailed statement on Monday, YouTube acknowledged the filter saying "some videos that cover subjects like health, politics and sexuality may not appear for users and institutions that choose to use this feature."

YouTube added later that "some videos are incorrectly labelled by our automated system and we realize it's very important to get this right."

"We're working hard to make some improvements," the company said without offering further details.

The lack of information has left YouTubers struggling to determine what's being sifted

out, what isn't and why it's happening.

Rizzi suspects video tags like "LGBT" or "gay couple" may be triggering the filter for 7 Things I Love About My Boyfriend, a video he says shouldn't be restricted for a younger audience.

Even his clip commissioned for YouTube's #ProudToBe campaign, timed to last year's Pride Month, is now filtered out.

"YouTube's own equality campaign is restricted, which is probably the weirdest part of everything," Rizzi says.

Fellow YouTuber Stef Sanjati has seen about 20 per cent of her content - or 49 videos - filtered in the site's "restricted" mode. She says the filter is hiding clips of her talking about transgender student bathrooms and makeup tutorials.

She hasn't been able to figure out which keywords tagged to her videos might trigger the filter.

"The execution is so off the mark," she says.

"It's not about clicks and view counts. It's about these resources being available for young people who would otherwise have no access to them."

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A Jewel in the rough

MMA

Budd savours Bellator title after battling back injury

Julia (The Jewel) Budd was more worried about her quality of life last year than fighting for a mixed martial arts title.

Two weeks after learning last April of a Bellator title shot, the 33-year-old from Port Moody, B.C., was sidelined by herniated discs in her back.

"I was in really rough shape for about six weeks there," Budd recalled. "It was not even about fighting, we were just trying to heal up and make sure that I was able to walk and have a healthy life."

"I had kind of given up the thought of even fighting again because it was so painful and I didn't know where that injury would lead us to."

So painful that Budd had to lie in the back seat of the car to get to her chiropractor because she couldn't sit up.

Budd turned down back surgery, instead focusing on "basically full-time" rehab and started boxing and doing light training again in mid-July. Amazingly she returned to action in October, winning a majority decision over Australian Arlene (Angerfist) Blencowe at Bellator 162.

That set the stage for the rescheduled featherweight title fight March 3 against Dutch veteran Marloes Coenen at Bellator 174 in Thackerville, Okla.

Budd (10-2-0) showed her



Julia Budd celebrates winning the Bellator women's featherweight championship in Thackerville, Okla., on March 3. ERIC COLEMAN/BELLATOR/THE CANADIAN PRESS

strength early, taking Coenen down in the first round. The Dutch fighter proved prickly off her back at first, attempting submissions, but wore down and was battered by Budd on the ground in later rounds.

Referee John McCarthy stopped the onslaught at 2:42 of the fourth round and Budd was Bellator's inaugural 145-pound women's champion.

The five-foot-eight Budd has now won eight straight since losing to (Rowdy) Ronda

Rousey in Strikeforce in November 2011. Her only other loss, also in Strikeforce, was to Amanda (Lioness) Nunes — now the UFC's bantamweight champion — in January 2011.

In between those losses, Budd made history when she won a decision over Germaine (The Iron Lady) de Randamie — now the UFC's featherweight champion — on a Strikeforce Challengers card in Kent, Wash., in June 2011.

Now Budd is part of a

women's featherweight championship triumvirate that includes Brazilian star Cristiane (Cyborg) Justino (17-1-0), who holds the Invicta FC title.

She hopes a title defence may come in Canada, perhaps on a card with fellow Canadian Rory MacDonald, who makes his debut for the promotion on May 19 at Bellator 179 in London, England.

These days a healthy Budd is savouring the title win, sharing the triumph with family, friends and pupils at Gibson MMA.

"I'm still digesting that night," she said.

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"I was completely tilted to one side. I couldn't stand up straight."
Julia Budd on her back injury

PAY EQUITY

USA Hockey, women's team hopeful for deal

USA Hockey and the women's national team say their marathon meeting Monday was productive and they hope to have an agreement this week that will end their ongoing wage dispute and avoid a boycott of the upcoming world championships.

The sides met for more than 10 hours Monday in Philadelphia and will continue discussions later this week. Players announced last week they'd boycott the upcoming world championships in Plymouth, Mich., unless significant progress was made toward a labour agreement.

USA Hockey and players released statements Monday

night saying they hoped a deal would be reached in time for the tournament, which begins March 31.

Players said they were hopeful to get an agreement in time to have a training camp and prepare to defend their world championship gold medal on home ice.

"We feel like we made progress today," star forward Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson said by phone. "They were productive, and we are hopeful that we can come to a timely agreement that would get us to Plymouth in time to prepare as a team so that we could compete in worlds." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



IN BRIEF

Seahawks bolster offensive line by signing Aboushi

The Seattle Seahawks added depth on the offensive line by signing former Houston Texans guard Oday Aboushi.

Seattle announced the deal with Aboushi on Monday. Aboushi spent his first two seasons with the New York Jets and the past two years with Houston. Aboushi made eight starts and appeared in 11 games during his time with the Texans. He started 10 games in his two seasons with the Jets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dubs win testy affair in OKC

Klay Thompson scored 34 points to help the Golden State Warriors beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 111-95 on Monday night in a heated matchup filled with trash talking, physical play and technical fouls.

Even with former Thunder star Kevin Durant out for the Warriors with an injury, the negative energy was still there as Stephen Curry exchanged shoves with Oklahoma City's Semaj Christon just before halftime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 2 tortillas
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1/2 avocado, sliced

Directions

1. In a bowl, mix tuna, celery, tomatoes and mayonnaise.
2. Lay your tortillas on a work surface. Spoon a stripe of tuna mixture down the middle of each tortilla. Now lay down a strip of the grated carrot, right next to the tuna. Place slices of avocado right next to the carrot.
3. Wrap one side of the tortilla over the other. Now tuck in the sides and keep rolling so everything is snugly inside.
4. Slice the tortilla in half and serves with a side of mixed greens.

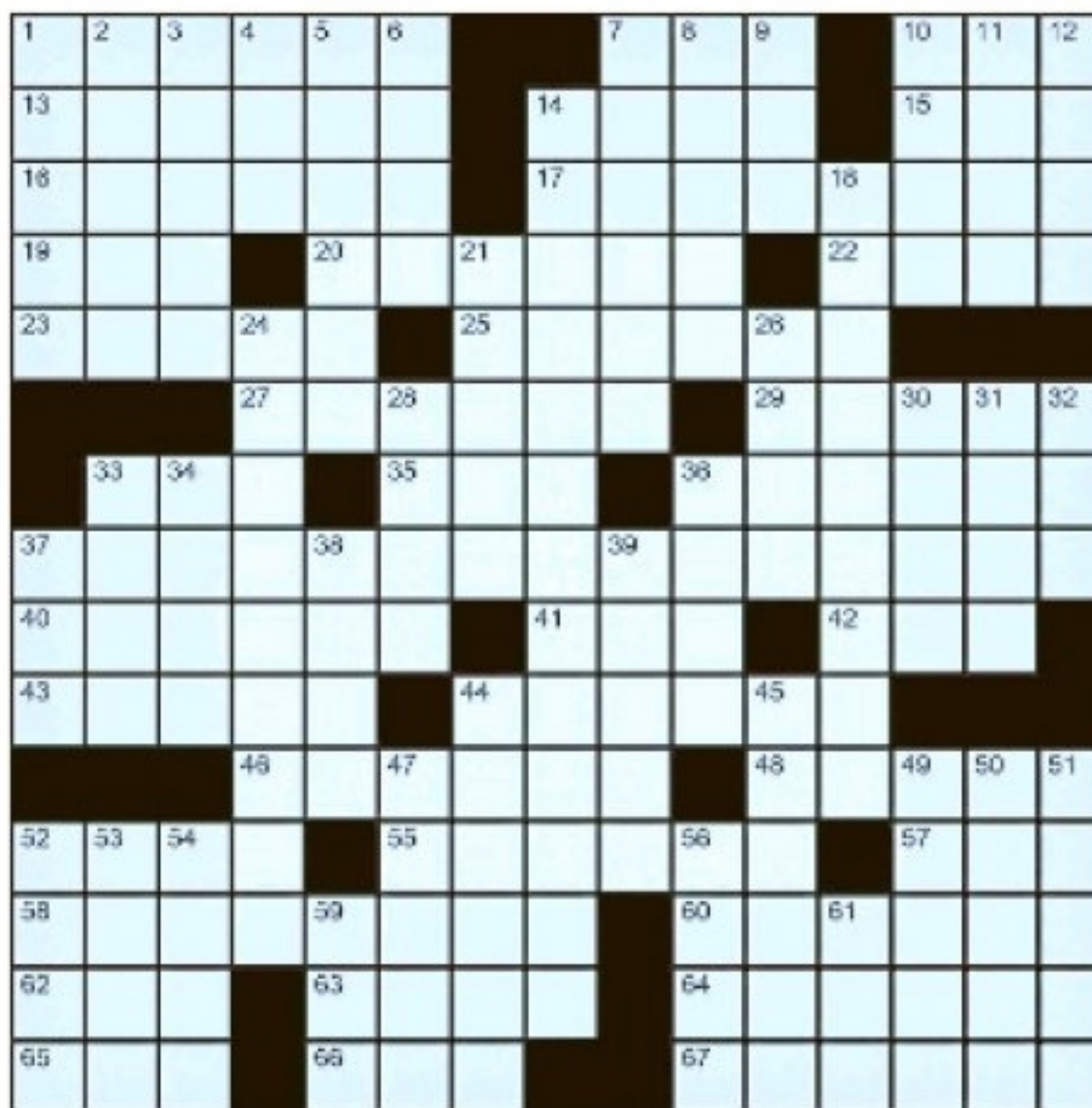
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ACROSS

1. North West Mounted Police officer, Sam _ (b.1849 - d.1919)
7. Undergarment, e.g.
10. Canadian restaurant chain, The _ Steakhouse + Bar
13. Pondered
14. _ lily
15. Brick wall's greenery
16. Checking out a website
17. Naysayer
19. Pad _ Mao (Rice noodles dish)
20. Garden statues
22. Via, in verse
23. Accounting firm, _ & Young
25. Most abundant
27. Peoples' possessive pronouns
29. Entice
33. Neither here _ there
35. "The Crying Game" (1992) actor Stephen
36. More blood-and-guts-ish
37. Canadian magician Doug Henning was this political group's candidate (in the Rose-dale riding of Toronto) in the 1993 federal election: 3 wds.
40. Unchanged: 3 wds.
41. "Kids" (2001)
42. Telephone bk. listings
43. Fettuccine is a form
44. Like the CN logo
46. 1928: Trivial Breath poet Ms. Wylie
48. Requirements



52. 'Shake' with a spoon
55. Expressed
57. Shoppers Drug Mart cosmetics line
58. Population counts
60. Temple ceremony
62. Dramatist's division

63. Way to kick the football
64. Creature in a Tennessee Williams play title
65. 17th Greek letter
66. _ in stone
67. More man-of-the-monor-ly

DOWN

11. Deep Purple's " _ on the Water"
2. Radio dial
3. Ms. DeGeneres
4. High Priest in the Old Testament
5. Distance
6. Shangri-la

7. Summarizing papers
8. The Russian language, in Quebec City
9. Band's bitty blaster
10. _ and kin (Friends and family)
11. Goffin-King

- penned tune: "Don't _ Change"
12. Pita serving perhaps
14. Scenic driving route in the Avalon region of Newfoundland: 2 wds.
18. Vocalization
21. Bay window
24. Models when on the fashion runway
26. End the endlessness
28. Epochs
30. Spanish artist, Joan _ (b.1893 - d.1983)
31. Goldfish and canaries
32. " _ (Just a Little Bit Harder)" by Janis Joplin
33. Galaxy gr.
34. Mr. Redding
36. Ms. Paltrow, for short
37. Reclined rest
38. Oman money
39. Towards the ship's left side
44. Aim
45. Jeans hue
47. Periodical's particular publishing
49. = meaning
50. One of the NHL's six Sutter Brothers from Viking, Alberta
51. Sun-related
52. Boo-boo in Al Pacino's 1983 flick
53. _ savvy
54. Call Question link
56. CNN anchor Ms. Burnett
59. Un-downs
61. _ of margarine

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You should know that others notice you today, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. Therefore, be mindful of your behaviour. Fortunately, you will be sympathetic toward someone, which makes you look good.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Thoughts of travelling appeal to you now. In particular, you will appreciate the beauty of arts and crafts from other cultures. You also will enjoy the stimulation of different surroundings.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you have to divide or share something with someone today, you will be more than generous. In fact, remember to be fair to yourself as well. Don't give away the farm.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Fortunately, you will find this easy to do because you feel genuinely sympathetic and concerned for someone else's welfare.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Because you feel sympathetic toward a co-worker today, he or she might come to you for advice or counseling. Never pass up an opportunity to practice kindness.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Welcome any opportunity to express your creative talent today. You are not a noun; you are a verb. It's the doing that really counts.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might want to cocoon at home today and seek out some privacy, because you feel the need to catch your breath and enjoy your own space. That's just fine. We all need to do this from time to time.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
When talking to others today, you won't be satisfied with superficial chitchat. You want a real, meaningful discussion with someone. (Not just comments about the weather.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If out shopping today, you might be tempted to spend too much money on luxurious items. It's your nature to go big or go home.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today the moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual. The good news is that this can attract a little bit of extra good luck!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you will prefer some privacy. Ideally, you will work alone or behind the scenes, because this will suit you best.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A conversation with a female friend is important. Perhaps you need to confide in someone, or someone needs to confide in you.

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